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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, all listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. - 142. (canceled)

143. (Currently Amended)

A method for constructing a decorative jewelry item, comprising:

providing a base member having a hollow interior, a top with an opening therein leading to said hollow interior, a bottom, and a sidewall extending from said top to said bottom;

providing a decorative insert smaller than said opening, said decorative insert for being inserted, through said opening, into said hollow interior and positioned entirely below said top, said decorative insert comprising a plate-shaped top and a rear projecting pin;

providing a support member fixed to the interior of said base member, said support member provided with a hole therethrough for receiving said pin;

placing said decorative insert into said hollow base member through said top opening and entirely positioned below said top, whereby said decorative insert is viewable through said top opening; and

after placing said decorative insert, fixing said decorative insert to said support member within said base member, said fixing said decorative insert including fixing said pin to said support member by a process selected from the group consisting of applying an adhesive, soldering, welding including laser welding, molecular bonding, swaging, bending, and clamping, wherein: